

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for granting the telephone conference on August 8, 2007, regarding this application.

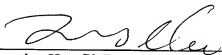
In the Final Office Action dated April 18, 2007, claims 27-29 and 32-34 remain rejected as anticipated by Morrissey *et al.*, US Patent Application Publication 2003/0206887 under § 102(e). In a response to the Final Office Action, Applicants submitted a declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 to show evidence of prior invention. However, in the Advisory Action dated July 31, 2007, the Examiner stated that the declaration was not filed "in a timely fashion." In the above mentioned telephone conference, the Examiner suggested that a Request for Continued Examination be filed so as to have the declaration and related arguments considered. At the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have filed herewith a Request for Continued Examination.

In view of the above remarks, as well as the remarks provided in the last response, Applicants submit that the grounds for the rejection asserted by the Examiner have been overcome, and that claims, as pending, are patentable. On this basis, it is submitted that allowance of this application is proper, and early favorable action is solicited.

This response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. The required \$395.00 fee and Petition for Extension of Time fee in the amount of \$60 is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges to Deposit Account No. 50-4189, referencing Attorney Docket No. 70001-020001.

Respectfully submitted,

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